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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRANCE-FIJI AGREEMENT ON NEW PACIFIC ROUTE

1. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED COMMUNIQUE JANUARY 17 ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT WITH FIJI ON SOUTH PACIFIC ROUTES AS RESULT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN PARIS JANUARY 14 TO 18 (SIC). UTA IS AUTHORIZED EXPLOIT NOUMEA-NANDI-PAPEETE ROUTE AND AIR PACIFIC IS AUTHORIZED EXPLOIT NANDI-PORT VILA-HNOIARA ROUTE.

2. THESE LATEST TALKS FOLLOW NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN SUVA AT THE END OF NOVEMBER BY FRENCH DELEGATION HEADED BY CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO HAD UPON HER RETURN INFORMED US ONLY THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS HAD PRODUCED NO AGREEMENT.

3. WHEN WE SOUGHT TO ELICIT FULLER DETAILS TODAY FROM CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE ON BASIS OF AFP REPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, SHE WAS WHOLLY UNCOMMUNICATIVE BEYOND CONFIRMING ACCURACY OF AFP REPORT.

4. COMMENT: NEW UTA ROUTE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY WHICH FRENCH CLAIMED BE SEEKING

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FOR THEIR SOUTH PACIFIC NETWORK IN ROUTE PROPOSALS MADE

DURING MARCH 1973 CONSULTATIONS WITH US, EVEN THOUGH FRENCH DID NOT GET PORT VILA-NANDI RIGHTS. BY SAME TOKEN, HOWEVER, AGREEMENT WITH FIJI WOULD NOW SEEM INCREASE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO PAGO-PAGO AS MISSING LINK FOR COMPLETION OF THOROUGH NETWORK THAT AREA.

5. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GAIN ANY INKLING OF FRENCH POSITION PRIOR JANUARY 22 CONSULTATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN SECRETIVE ON FIJI TALKS UNTIL RESULTS ANNOUNCED, WHICH ALSO DOUBTLESS HELPS EXPLAIN RECENT EVIDENCE OF UTA RETICENCE TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH RCAA UNTIL AFTER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE.  
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